

THE INVENTOR CLAIMS:

1. A dispenser for toothpicks and tablets, comprising:

2 first and second housing members together to define a
dispenser housing,

4 means to releasably attach the housing members together,

6 respective outlet openings for toothpicks and tablets
in at least one of the housing members,

8 separation wall means in a first one of the housing
members and spaced from an edge thereof to define a toothpicks
retaining chamber,

10 a plurality of first guide wall means disposed on at least
one of the housing members and having portions parallel to and
12 perpendicular to an outlet to guide a single toothpick to said
outlet, and

14 second guide wall means on one of said housing members and
defining a portion of the outlet for tablets and configured
16 to guide a single tablet to the outlet opening.

2. A dispenser according to Claim 1 wherein said
2 separation wall means is adapted to maintain toothpicks
oriented to facilitate their passing to the outlet.

3. A dispenser according to Claim 1 wherein a plurality
2 of posts are disposed near corners of one of said housing
members to engage in socket members on the other housing
4 member in a force-fit relationship to retain the housing
members together.

4. A dispenser according to Claim 1 wherein the second
2 guide wall means has portions respectively parallel to and
perpendicular to an edge of a housing member to retain
4 toothpicks and guide a single toothpick to said outlet.

5. A dispenser according to Claim 1 and further
2 comprising a gate adjacent each respective outlet and
manually operable for dispensing a single toothpick via
4 said outlet.

6. A dispenser for toothpicks and tablets, comprising:

2 first and second housing members attached together to
define a dispenser housing,

4 respective outlets for toothpicks and tablets in at least
one of the housing members,

6 separation wall means in a first one of the housing
members and spaced from an edge thereof to define a toothpicks
8 retaining chamber,

10 first guide wall means having respective portions parallel
to a-d perpendicular to a toothpick outlet wall and to guide
a single toothpick to said outlet opening,

12 second guide wall means adapted and positioned to align
a toothpick with the toothpick outlet to eject a single
14 toothpick at a time, and

16 third guide wall means on one of said housing members
and defining a portion of said outlet for tablets and
configured to guide a single tablet to the outlet opening.

7. A dispenser according to Claim 6 wherein a
2 plurality of posts are disposed near corners of one of
said housing members to engage in socket members on the
4 other housing member in a force-fit relationship to retain
the housing members together.

8. A dispenser according to Claim 6 wherein the second
2 guide wall means has portions respectively parallel to and
perpendicular to an edge of a housing member to retain
4 toothpicks and guide a single toothpick to said outlet.

9. A combination according to Claim 6 and further
2 comprising a gate adjacent each of said outlets and manually
openable to enable the dispensing of a single item
4 therethrough, and being manually closable by engaging a
housing member.

10. A dispenser according to Claim 6, wherein said
2 third guide wall means defines a portion of an outlet.

11. A dispenser for toothpicks and tablets, comprising:

2 first and second housing members define a dispenser
housing,

4 respective outlets for toothpicks and tablets in at least
one of the housing members,

6 separation wall means in a first one of the housing
members and spaced from an edge thereof to define a toothpicks
8 retaining chamber,

10 first guide wall means having respective portions parallel
to and perpendicular to an outlet opening wall and defining a
toothpick compartment to guide a single toothpick to said outlet
12 opening,

14 second guide wall means on one of said housing members
defining a portion of said outlet opening for tablets and
configured to guide a single tablet to the outlet opening,

16 means to releasably attach the housing members together,
and

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18 a gate on at least one of the housing members adjacent
one of said respective outlets and manually operable to enable
20 an item to pass through the outlet, said gate having a portion
engagable with one of said housing members in a force-fit to
22 secure the gate over said outlet.

12. A dispenser according to Claim 11 wherein a
2 plurality of posts are disposed near corners of one of
said housing members to engage in socket members on the
4 other housing member in a force-fit relationship to retain
the housing members together.

13. A dispenser according to Claim 11 wherein the second
2 guide wall means has portions respectively parallel to and
perpendicular to an edge of a housing member to retain
4 toothpicks and guide a single toothpick to said outlet.

14. A combination according to Claim 11 and further
2 comprising a gate adjacent each of said outlets and manually
openable to enable the dispensing of a single item
4 therethrough, and being manually closable by engaging a
housing member.

2 15. A dispenser according to Claim 11 wherein separate
 gates are provided, one for toothpicks and the other for
 tablets.